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TODAY, I HAVE
DECIDED TO SEND
OUR STAR PUPIL
TO REPRESENT
THE ACADEMY AT
MYOJO PRIVATE
SCHOOL AS AN
INTER-SCHOOL
TRANSFER
STUDENT.

I AM
KAIBA-SENSEI.
MY OCCUPATION:
TEACHER AT
PRIVATE
ACADEMY 17.



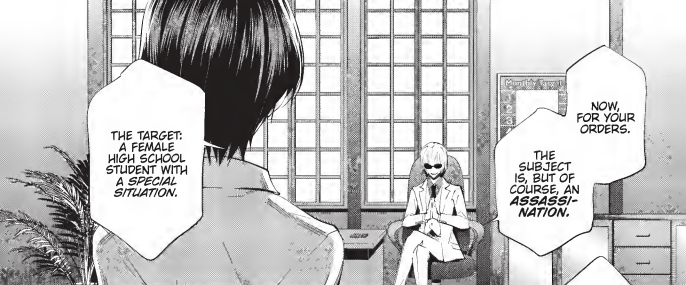
AH
HA HA

YOU
HAVE BEEN
SELECTED.

HA
HA!

AZUMA
TOKAKU.





THE TARGET:
A FEMALE
HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT WITH
A SPECIAL
SITUATION.

NOW,
FOR YOUR
ORDERS.

THE
SUBJECT
IS, BUT OF
COURSE, AN
ASSASSINATION.

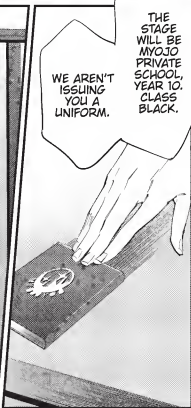


THERE IS
BUT ONE
TARGET.
HOWEVER,
THE REST
OF YOUR
CLASS-
MATES...

ARE ALL
ASSASSINS.



YOU SHALL
TRANSFER
TO THE
SCHOOL AND
ASSASSINATE
THE TARGET
BEFORE
ANYONE ELSE
IS ABLE TO
DO SO.

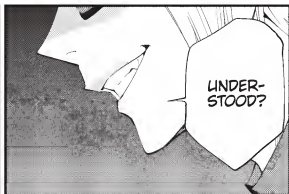


THE
STAGE
WILL BE
MYOJO
PRIVATE
SCHOOL,
YEAR 10.
CLASS
BLACK.

WE AREN'T
ISSUING
YOU A
UNIFORM.



ZOD



UNDER-
STOOD?

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Chapter 0
Prologue





YOU'LL BE
BACK RIGHT
AWAY, EVEN
THOUGH
YOU'RE
TRANSFER-
RING, YOU
KNOW...

YOU'LL
FINISH
YOUR
MISSION
LIKE THAT!

I HEAR LAST
TIME, CLASS
BLACK DIDN'T
LAST EVEN
TWO WEEKS.



AFTER ALL,
IT'S NOT
LIKE SOME-
ONE FROM
ACADEMY 17
IS GOING TO
TAKE A **BACK**
SEAT TO AN
ASSASSIN
FROM
ANOTHER
SCHOOL.



PLUS,
TOKAKU-SAN'S
GOING, SO IT'S
PRACTICALLY
OVER
ALREADY!

THERE
ARE FIVE
CLASSES
FOR
FRESHMEN:
RED, WHITE,
BLUE,
YELLOW,
AND GREEN.

10TH GRADERS
AT MYOJO
PRIVATE SCHOOL--
A SCHOOL
SERVING
STUDENTS FROM
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL THROUGH
COLLEGE--ARE
CONSIDERED
HIGH SCHOOL
FRESHMEN.

NORMALLY,
CLASS BLACK
DOES NOT
EXIST. IT IS
CREATED ONLY
DURING CERTAIN
SPECIAL TIMES.



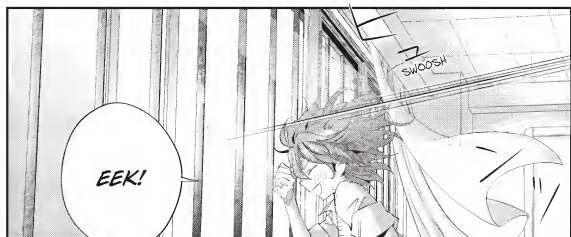


MYOJO
PRIVATE
SCHOOL'S A
BOARDING
SCHOOL. I
HEAR THE
CAMPUS IS
HUGE!

IT'LL BE
LONELY
WITHOUT
TOKAKU-SAN,
THOUGH.

BUT...
YOU HAVE
TO WONDER.
WHAT
"SPECIAL"
SITUATION
IS THERE
WHERE SHE'D
HAVE TO
ASSASSINATE
A REGULAR
HIGH
SCHOOLER?









AND THEN,
HARU'S
DEFINITELY
GOING TO
GRADUATE!!

HARU'S GOING
TO STUDY WITH
AND BECOME
FRIENDS WITH
EVERYONE,
AND...

ENJOY
LIFE!

WELL THEN,
DO YOUR
BEST WITH
AFTER-SCHOOL
CLUBS AND
OTHER SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES,
TOO,
OKAY?

OKAY!

BECAUSE
THERE
WASN'T
ANYTHING
ELSE TO DO
BUT STUDY,
BEFORE.

HARU'S
GOOD
AT IT...

TEE
HEE.

OH?

AH
HA
HA!

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO TRY
SO HARD.
YOU'LL
GRADUATE AS
LONG AS YOU
JUST DO YOUR
BEST, YOU
KNOW.

OR IS
IT HARD
FOR YOU
TO STUDY,
ICHINOSE-SAN?

HARU DID
GET HERE
FIRST, DIDN'T
HARU...?

TEE
HEE.



NUMBER 13,
ICHINOSE
HARU-SAN.

NUMBER
6, SAGAE
HARUKI-
KUN.

NUMBER
5,
KENMOCHI
SHIENA-
SAN.

ATTENDANCE
ROSTER
NUMBER
1, AZUMA
TOKAKU-KUN.

NUMBER
7, SHUTO
SUZU-
SAN.

NUMBER 10,
ASS BLACK
ATTENDANCE
ROSTER

NUMBER
8,
TAKECHI
OTOYA-
KUN.

NUMBER
9,
NAMATAME
CHITARU-
SAN.

NUMBER
2, INUKAI
ISUKE-
KUN.

NUMBER 10,
HASHIRI
NIO-KUN.

MIZOROGI
HOMERO

NUMBER 3,
KAMINAGA
KOUKO-SAN.

HARU IS...
DEFINITELY...
GOING TO
GRADUATE,
WITHOUT
FAIL.

NUMBER 11,
HANABUSA
SUMIREKO-
SAN.

NUMBER 4,
KIRIGAYA
HITSUGI-KUN

NUMBER
12, BANBA
MAHIRU-
SAN.



YOU
MIGHT
HAVE THE
WRONG
IDEA,
HMM?

THAT THING
ABOUT HOW IT'S
ALWAYS THE
STAR STUDENT
THAT GETS
TRANSFERRED...
THAT'S A LIE.



EIP



UPON YOUR
DEPARTURE,
SET YOUR
CONCERNS
UPON...

AZUMA
TOKAKU.

NOTHING.

WHOOOPS.
THAT'S
WRONG.
THERE
WAS ONE
THING,
WASN'T
THERE?



IT HAS
NOTHING TO
DO WITH
GREAT DNA,
MAD SKILLS,
OR SUITABILITY!

DON'T BE
FULL OF
YOURSELF,
NOW.

SNICKER



AH
HA
HA
HA!

...IS
WORTH-
LESS!

I CHOSE
UNSUITABLE
HUMAN
NUMERO
UNO ON A
WHIM!

TOKAKU,
YOUR
LIFE...



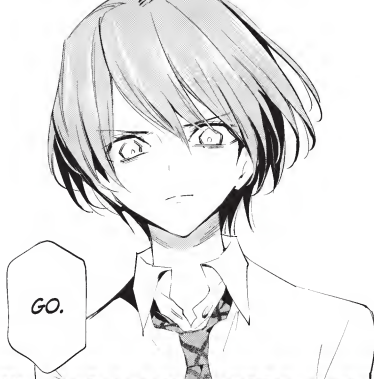
LIVE
AND
LET
DIE...

OR
LET LIVE
AND
DIE...

PICK
WHICH-
EVER
YOU LIKE.

...DOESN'T
MATTER.

THAT...



GO.

OR...
WILL YOU
TRY TO
LIVE AND
LET LIVE?



...WHAT
YOU'RE
TRYING
TO
SAY...

YOU
MORON.

I...
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...

...VERY
SOON.

TOKAKU
AND
HARU
WILL
MEET...

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Chapter 1

Target

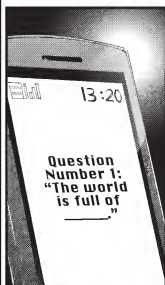


I've
arrived
at
Myojo
Private
School.

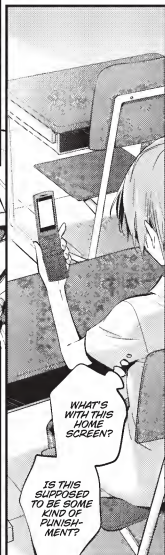


I'M
MIZOROGI
ATARU, THE
HOMEROOM
TEACHER
FOR YEAR
10, CLASS
BLACK!

WELCOME
TO MYOJO
PRIVATE
SCHOOL!!



Question
Number 1:
"The world
is full of
____"



WHAT'S
WITH THIS
HOME
SCREEN?

IS THIS
SUPPOSED
TO BE SOME
KIND OF
PUNISH-
MENT?



SO
GOOD
TO
MEET-
CHA!!

FROM
TODAY
FORWARD,
YOU'RE PART
OF CLASS
BLACK!
YOU'RE
ALL IN
THE SAME
DORM,
TOO!

LET'S
HAVE
A FUN
YEAR!



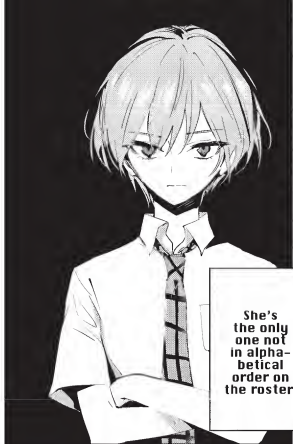
There are
thirteen
students
in Year 10,
Class Black.

The
target
is
unknown.

Once
everyone
has
arrived,
we'll
begin.

So far,
there are
only five
people,
including
myself.

Maybe
it's...
Number
13?



She's
the only
one not
in alpha-
betical
order on
the roster.



Ichi-
nose
Haru.



THINK OF
ME AS
YOUR BIG
BROTHER!



IT'S BEEN
THREE YEARS
SINCE I BECAME
A TEACHER.
THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME I'VE
HAD MY OWN
HOMEROOM.



I HATE
THOSE
KINDS OF
GUYS!
♥



SENSEI,
YOU'RE
SO...
!!!INTER-
ESTING.

AH HA
HA!
♥

GIGGLE

GIGGLE

SNORER



SHOULD
I KILL
YOU?

BEING
ALMOST
FORTY
ISN'T
"MIDDLE-
AGED."
YOU'RE
ANNOYING
ME.



THERE IS
NOTHING
WRONG
WITH BEING
MIDDLE-
AGED,
RIGHT?

INUKAI-
SAN,
HOW RUDE!

INUKAI-
SAN
IS A
GIRL?!

BUT
SHE'S
NAMED
"ISUIKE"
....



I'M
ATTENDANCE
ROSTER
NUMBER 10:
HASHIRI NIO!
NICE TO
MEET YA!

OH
NOOOO.
PLEASE
DON'T
GET
MAD!



WELL
THEN, LET'S
INTRODUCE
OURSELVES,
OKAY?
♥

I'M
ATTENDANCE
ROSTER
NUMBER 2:
INUKAI
ISUIKE, OR
YOU CAN
CALL ME
"IGAMITTSU."
♥

SENSEEEI,
YOU'RE TOO
YOUNG. REAL
MEN ARE OLDER
THAN FORTY,
YOU KNOW. ♥
THAT'S WHAT
I THINK.



K-K-L-A-T-T-U-R

HARU IS
ATTENDANCE
ROSTER
NUMBER 13:
ICHINOSE
HARU!
PLEASE BE
KIND TO ME!



HA
HA
HA!

WELL
THEN,
NEXT
UP...

LADIES!
DON'T
FIGHT
OVER
YOUR
TEACHER,
NOW.

HASHIRI-
SAN IS
A GIRL,
TOO....!!



I GET
ASKED
THAT A
LOT, SO I
FIGURED
I'D
EXPLAIN
IT IN
ADVANCE.

...MEANS
"SOME-
THING
WHICH
CANNOT
EXIST."



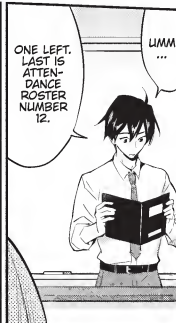
I'M FROM
PRIVATE
ACADEMY 17.

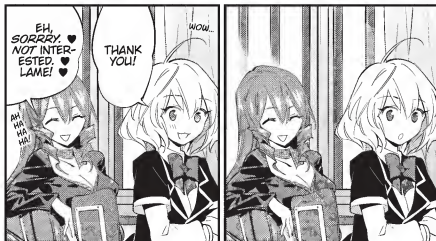
MY NAME,
"TOKAKU!"
...

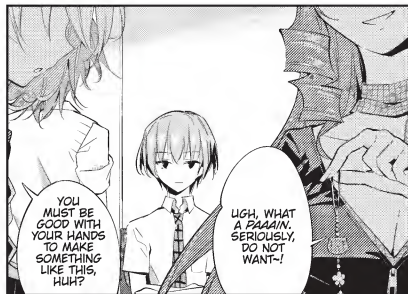


ATTENDANCE
ROSTER
NUMBER
1...

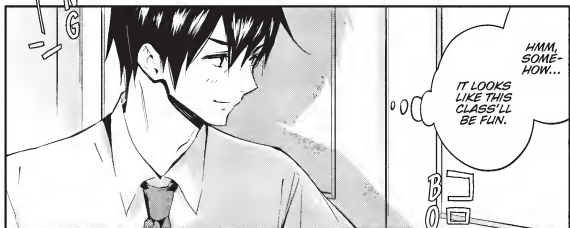
AZUMA
TOKAKU.







S'OKAY IF I CALL YOU "HARU," RIGHT?





NEESAN!
NEESAN!

WAIT
LULU!



YOU'VE
CONFIRMED
THE
TARGET?

WELL,
NOT
YET.



BUT
I KNOW
IT'S NOT
YOU,
NEESAN,
RIGHT?

THERE'S
AN UN-
PLEASANT...
SMELL
ABOUT YOU.



LET'S
TEAM
UP.

I'LL
BE YOUR
MINION!



WELL,
I DON'T
WANT TO
GET ON
YOUR
BAD SIDE,
NEESAN.

WHO
ARE YOU
CALLING
"NEESAN"?

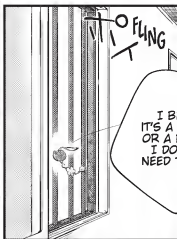
HA!



SHE
SMELLS
DIFFERENT
FROM US.

AGREED.

THE
TARGET IS
MOST LIKELY
ICHINOSE
HARU.



I BET
IT'S A GPS,
OR A BUG.
I DON'T
NEED THIS.

HA
HA.

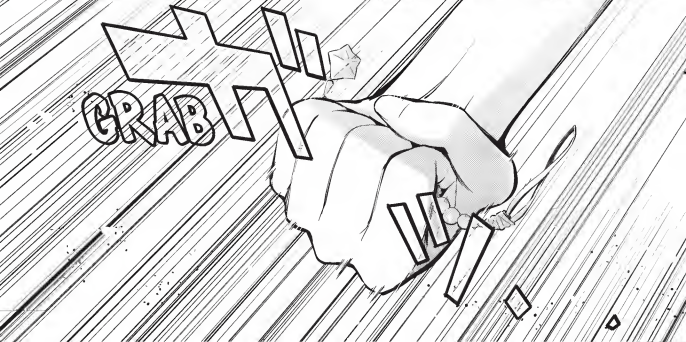


YOU
CAN'T
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
HER,
EITHER,
YOU KNOW.

PASSING
OUT
STUFF LIKE
THIS. SO
DANGEROUS.

DANGLE

CRAB



HUH?
THAT'S
STRANGE.
EARLIER, I
THOUGHT
I DIDN'T
WANT IT.

SINCE
YOU
THREW
IT AWAY...

...IT'S OKAY
WITH YOU IF
I KEEP IT,
YES?



TOSSING
IT
AWAY?



DOESN'T
SEEM
BUGGED
TO ME.



I DON'T
NEED THIS,
EITHER.
♥

WELL THEN.
I SUPPOSE
I'LL GIVE
YOU MINE,
TOOO.
♥



CATCH

SWOOSH



DON'T
PUSH YOUR
GARBAGE
ON ME.

WHAT
AM I,
A TRASH
CAN?



SAME
AS YOU.

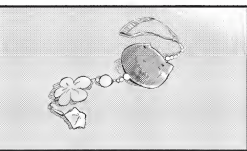
NEESAN,
WHAT A
SCAAARY
FACE.

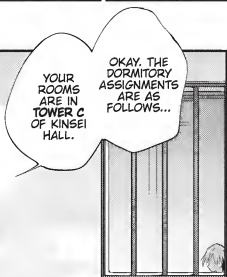
THOSE
ARE
THE EYES
OF AN
ASSASSIN,
FOR SURE!

OOH, I
HAVE NO
INTENTION
OF HIDING
IT. ♥

WHAT?
THAT'S
NOT
RIGHT.
♥

I
GAVE
IT TO
YOU.





WE'LL SELECT A RESIDENT ASSISTANT, OR RA, WHEN EVERYONE'S HERE.

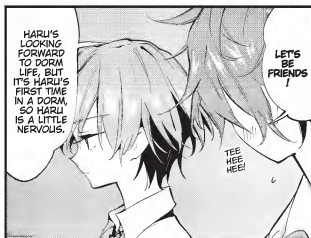
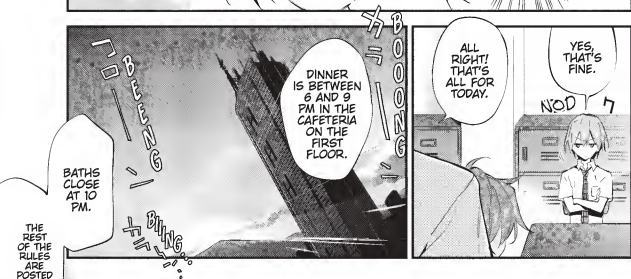
FOR NOW, WE'LL ASK ATTENDANCE ROSTER NUMBER 1, AZUMA, TO FILL IN.

3	5	7	9
BATH			
2	4	6	8 10

2F

1. AZUMA, ICHING
2. INUKAI, SAGAE
3. KAMINAGA
4. KIRIGAYA
5. KENMOC
6. HANABUS
7. HASHIRI

THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE TO A ROOM, SO COMPROMISE AND COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER, OKAY?





AH
HA
HA!

JUST
CALL ME
"NIO."

LUCKY
TOKAKU!
I WANTED
TO ROOM
WITH HARU!







WHY DO
YOU CARE
SO MUCH?
AZUMA-SAN,
YOU'RE SO
UNSOPHISTI-
CATED. ♥

AH
HA
HA!

OH,
COME ON.
WHO CARES
WHO CALLS
WHO WHAT?



CHANCE?

YOU'RE
LUCKY,
AZUMA-
SAN.

SHARING
A ROOM
WITH
HARU--
THIS
COULD
BE YOUR
CHANCE.
YOU
KNOW?

HEY,
NIO. LET'S
LEAVE THE
SCARY
PERSON
ALONE. ♥



YOU...

YOU
SMELL
LIKE...

!



HARU
DOESN'T
UNDERSTAND,
BUT THAT
DOESN'T
SEEM GOOD
AT ALL!

HARU'S
SORRY
!!

NO
...

EEEE-
EEEEK!



HA
HA
HA!

THAT'S
WHAT THEY
CALL THE
SMELL OF
SUNLIGHT.

DIDN'T
YOU
NOTICE?



YO.

I
SEE.

THE SUN
WENT DOWN,
SO I CAME
FOR YOU.



S...

SMELL
?!

WHAT
SHOULD
HARU
DO?!
DOES
HARU
STINK
?!



WHAT
IS THIS
SCENT...?

NO.



THAT'S
NOT
IT...

THE
SMELL OF
DUST...
I FEEL
LIKE
SNEEZING.



NICE
TO
MEET
YA,
EH?



NO,
IT
ISN'T.



I'M
BANBA
SHINYA.
THE
DAYTIME
GIRL IS
MAHIRU.

I'LL
INTRO-
DUCE
MYSELF
!



THIS
IS...

...THE
SMELL OF
A ROOM
DRENCHED
IN SUN-
SHINE.

THE EMAIL
FOR MY
EVAL-
UATION...
IF I
SEND ONE
ANSWER
OUT EACH
NIGHT...

THAT
MIGHT
WORK.
THAT'S IT.
THAT'S
WHAT
I'LL DO.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

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Chapter 2

You're Mean



NOT
PARTICU-
LARLY.



YOU
AREN'T...
HAPPY
TO MEET
ME?





POINT

1/10





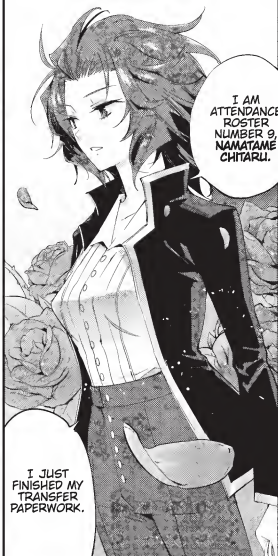


OWW...!





I'M
NUMBER 4,
KIRIGAYA
HITSUGI.
NICE
TO
MEET
YOU.



I AM
ATTENDANCE
ROSTER
NUMBER 9,
NAMATAME
CHITARU.

I JUST
FINISHED MY
TRANSFER
PAPERWORK.



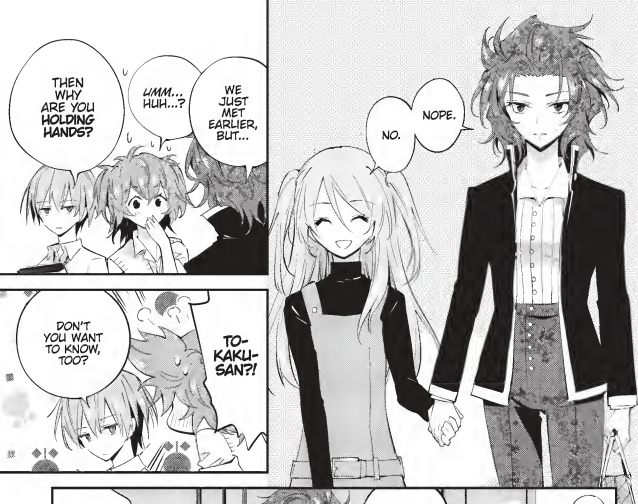
WERE
YOU
FRIENDS
BEFORE-
HAND?

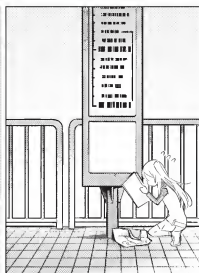
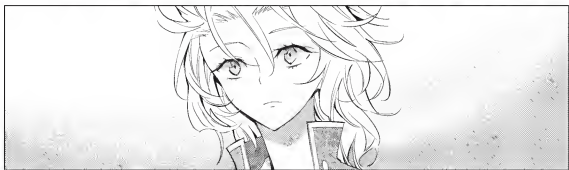
KIRIGAYA-
SAN AND
NAMATAME-
SAN, YOU
SHARE A
ROOM,
DON'T
YOU?

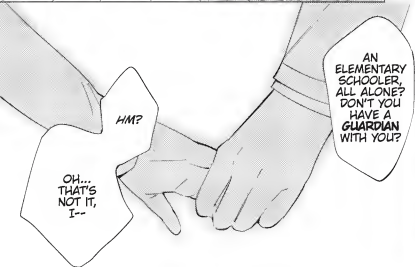


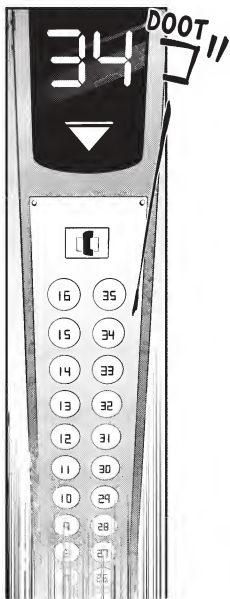
THIS IS
NUMBER 1,
AZUMA
TOKAKU-SAN.
SHE IS THE
TEMPORARY RA.
SHE SAYS,
"NICE TO MEET
YOU," TOO!

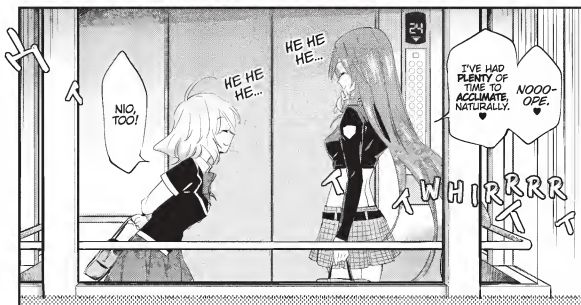
HARU'S
NUMBER 13,
ICHINOSE
HARU! GLAD
TO MEET
YOU!

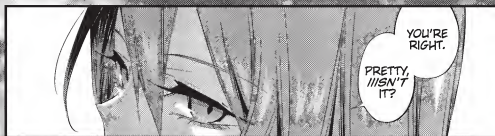


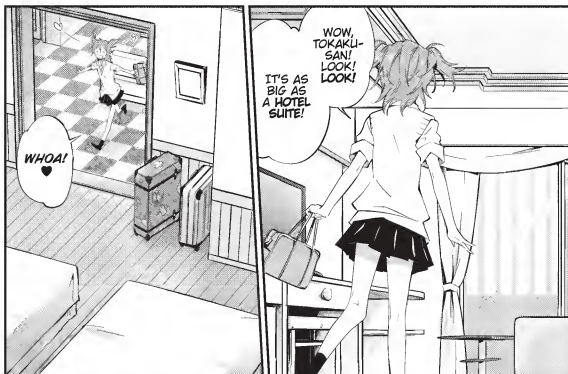


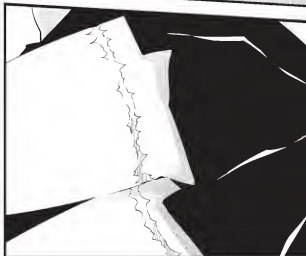
















I WENT
TOO
FAR,
DIDN'T
I?



HARU
DOESN'T...
REALLY
WANT TO
SHOW
YOU.

IT'S FROM
AN ACCIDENT
WHERE HARU
HAD TO BE
HOSPITALIZED
FOR A LONG
TIME AND...



DON'T
MENTION
IT.



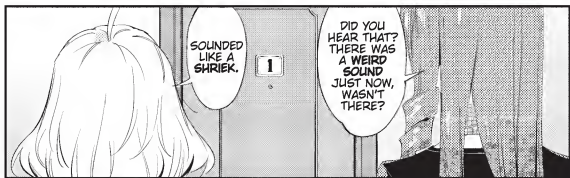
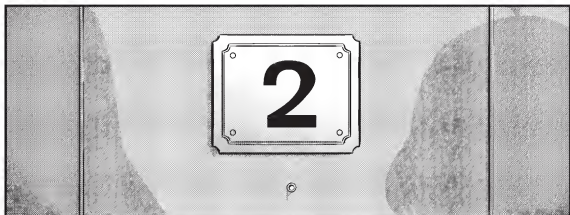
I
GET
IT.

THERE
ARE TWO
CHOICES:
TO FORCE
HER TO
SHOW ME...

...OR
TO LET
IT GO.



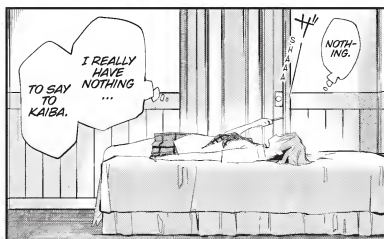
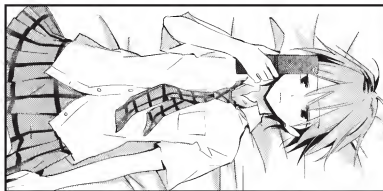


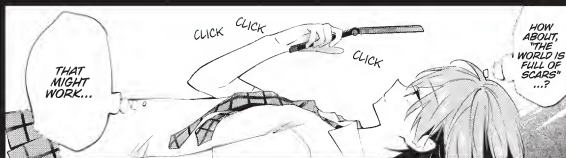












SCARS,
EH?

MAYBE
YOU'RE
A BIT...

Sharing
room with
Ichinose
Haru.

HMM
...

...CLOSER
NOW,
EH?

The answer
to the first
question is
"Scars,"
isn't it?

...DID
I HEAR
THAT
RIGHT
...?

WHO'S
"MAE
WEST"
...?

0
PIRO-_b

RIRO-
b

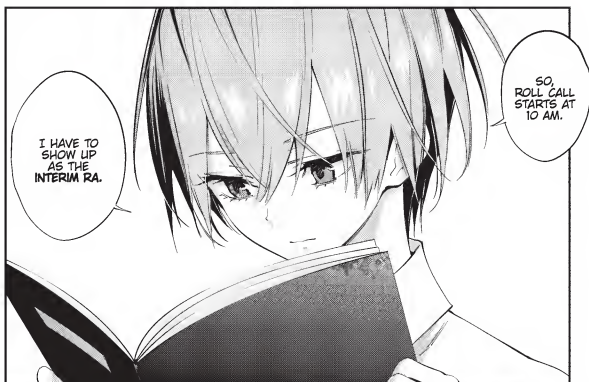
Your mail has been sent.

RIIIN

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Chapter 3

Roll Call



I HAVE TO
SHOW UP
AS THE
INTERIM RA.

SO,
ROLL CALL
STARTS AT
10 AM.



THIS
BLIND
CORNER

...
IT'S A
PERFECT
SPOT
FOR A
HIDDEN
CAMERA.

...CAN'T
BE
LOCKED.

THE
DOOR
TO THIS
ROOM
...

HARU
WILL
GO,
TOO!

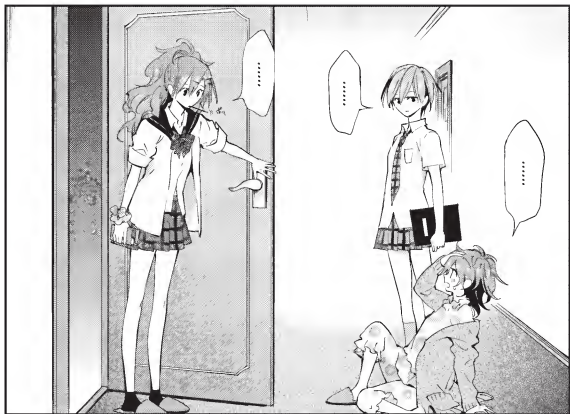
OH!

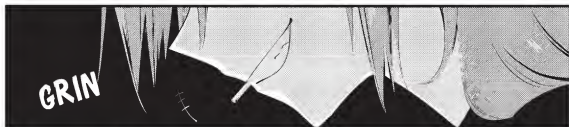
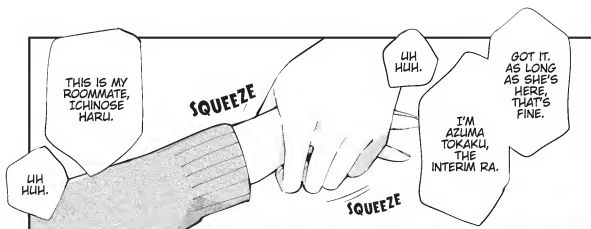
THERE.
I
KNEW
IT...

WHY?
BECAUSE
HARU'S
GOING
TO HELP
YOU, OF
COURSE!

WHY?









SAGAE HARUKI HAS A GOOD BUILD AND SEEMS TO BE RATHER ATHLETIC...

DOESN'T SHE?

SHE CARRIES HERSELF AS IF SHE IS USED TO BEING THE OBJECT OF OTHERS' DESIRE, TOO.

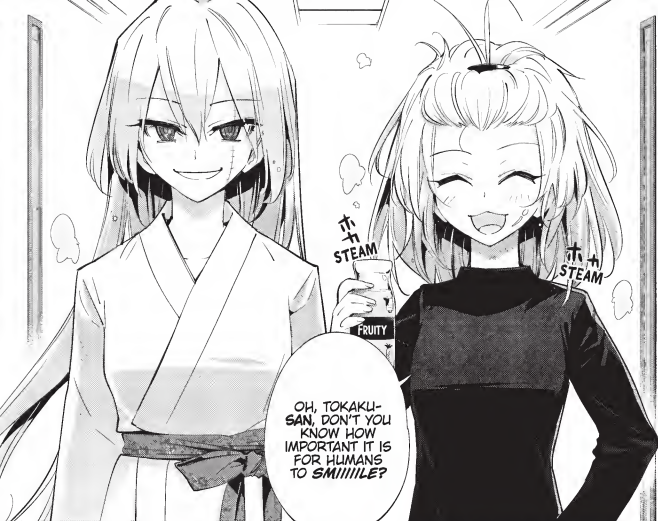


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Chapter 4

Business Notification







OKAAY
!!

ZIP
THE LIPS,
EH?! NO
TALKING!!



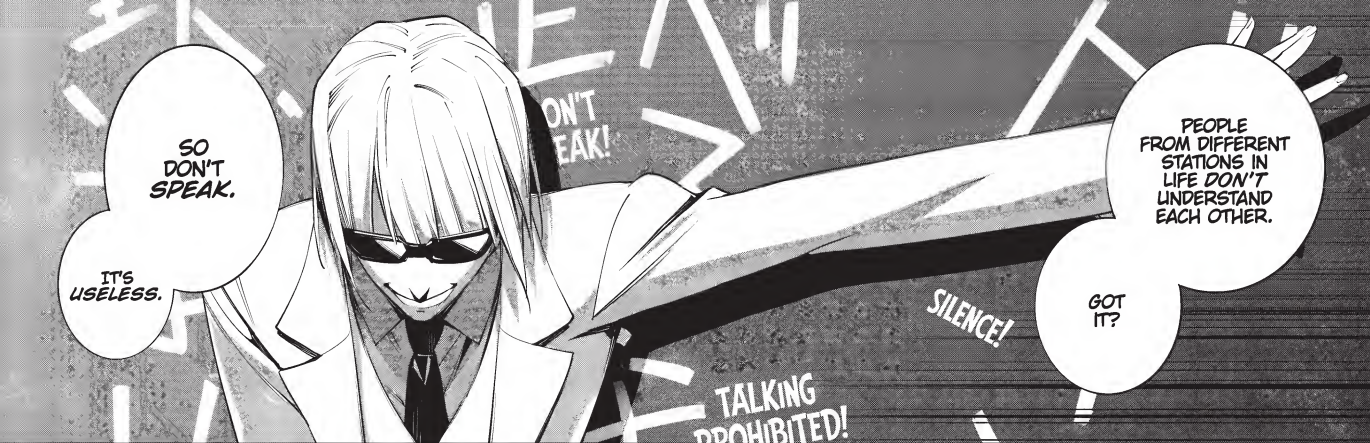
SENSEI WILL
TEACH YOU
SOMETHING
USEFUL.

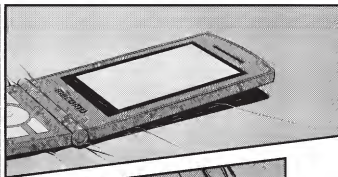
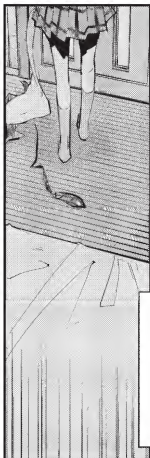
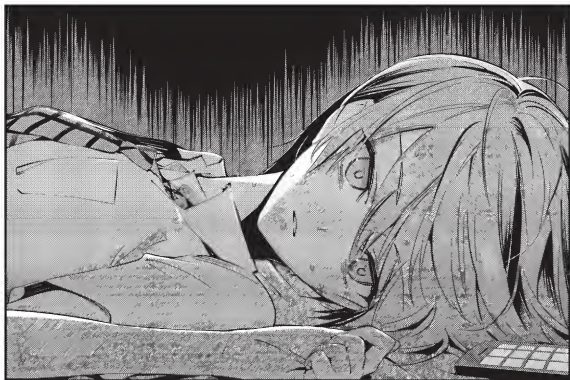
禁止しゃべり
DON'T
SPEAK!
TALKING
PROHIBITED!



ROLL CALL
IS
EXHAUSTING.

I WISH
THIS WERE
OVER WITH
ALREADY!!

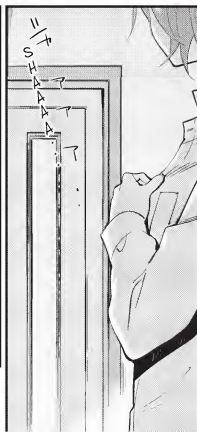




THAT
WAS
SOME
NIGHT-
MARE.

UGH...
I FEEL
SICK.





**YEAR 10,
CLASS BLACK**

NUMBER 4,
KIRIGAYA
HITSUKI
-KUN.

GOOD
MORNING,
EVERY-
ONE!

NUMBER 9,
NAMATAME
CHITARU-
KUN.

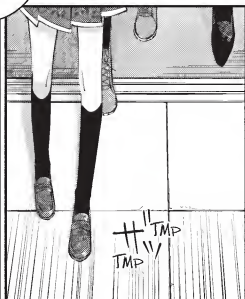
YEAH,
THAT'S
GOOD.

I'M
SHORT,
SO I'M
REALLY
GLAD I
GET TO
BE IN THE
FRONT!

NUMBER 6,
SAGAE
HARUKI-
KUN.

ISN'T IT
NICE THAT
THERE'RE
MORE
PEOPLE
HERE
TODAY?

LET'S
ALL GET
ALONG,
OKAY?!





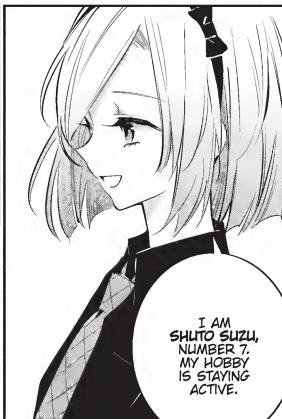
I'M
NUMBER 8,
TAKECHI
OTOYA!
LET'S
HAVE FUN,
OKAY?!



I'M
KENMOCHI
SHIENA,
NUMBER 5.



KAMINAGA
KOUKO,
NUMBER 3.
FROM TODAY
ON, I SHALL
SERVE AS
PRESIDENT.
GREETINGS.



I AM
SHUTO SUZU,
NUMBER 7.
MY HOBBY
IS STAYING
ACTIVE.



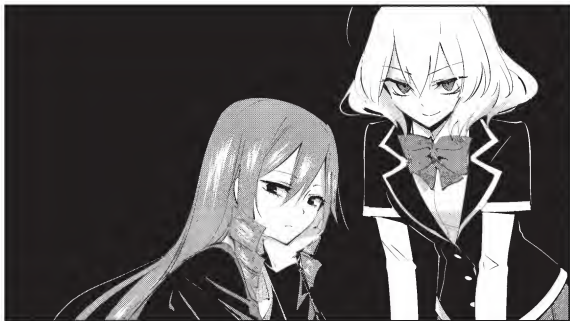






YEAR 10, CLASS BLACK





THOSE WHO
WISH TO
KNOW ABOUT
THE TARGET
SHOULD ATTEND.

...ALREADY
HAS AN
IDEA,
RIGHT?

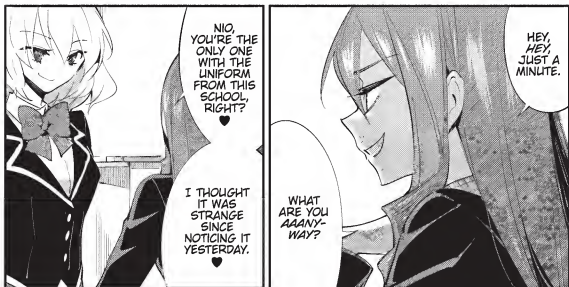
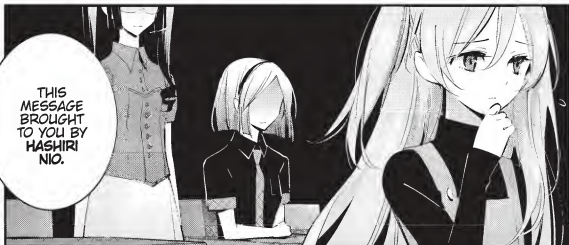
OR SO I
SAY, BUT
EVERYONE...

BINGO~!



THE
TARGET
IS...

...ICHINOSE
HARU.

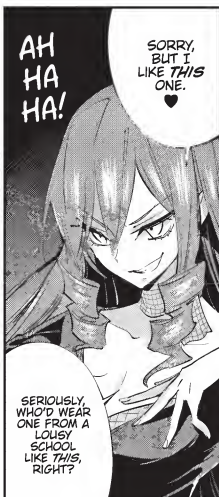




Y...
YES.

YOU
OKAY,
KIRIGAYA?

MIDNIGHT...
I DON'T
KNOW IF I
CAN STAY
UP THAT
LATE.



AH
HA
HA!

SORRY,
BUT I
LIKE *THIS*
ONE.

SERIOUSLY,
WHO'D WEAR
ONE FROM A
LOUSY
SCHOOL
LIKE *THIS*,
RIGHT?



ISLUKE-
SAN, WHY
DON'T YOU
WEAR THE
UNIFORM,
TOO?

I AM A
STUDENT
HERE,
AFTER
ALL.



DON'T
NEED IT.

PEOPLE
WHO SAY
THINGS LIKE
THAT WIPE
THEIR HANDS
ON THEIR
SKIRTS OR
SOMETHING!
THAT'S SO
MESSY!

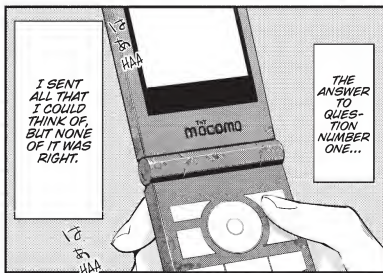
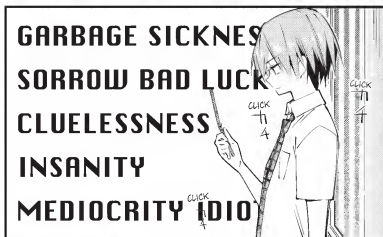
TOKAKU-
SAN, IT'S
INCON-
VENIENT
NOT TO
HAVE A
HANKY,
YOU KNOW!

HARU'LL
LEND YOU
HARU'S,
BUT--

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Chapter 5

The World is...

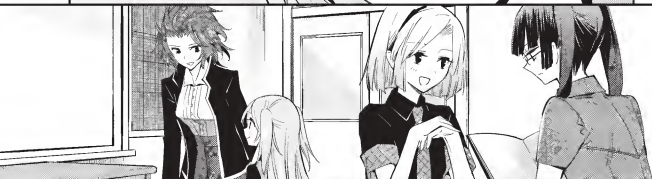


**Question
 Number 1:**
 "The world is
 full of ____."





EVEN...
IN THIS
KIND OF
SITUATION...



DISGUSTING.





WHY
ARE YOU
SO HOSTILE
AGAIN?!

TOKAKLI-
SAN, DON'T
PICK A
FIGHT!



OH NO.
HOW
SCAARY
~!



IT'S
DISGUSTING!



LET'S
ALL GET
ALONG!
REALLY!

AND,
UMM...



ISLUKE-SAN
SUGGESTED
WE HAVE
TEA IN
OUR ROOM
AFTER SCHOOL.





AREN'T YOU GOING TO WAIT FOR TONIGHT'S SECRET ORIENTATION OR WHATEVER, ISUKE-SAMA?

"DELICIOUS" MY BUTT, IT'S NOT EVEN LOOSE-LEAF TEA.

HA HA HA!

I'VE INVITED HER TO HAVE SOME DELICIOUS TEA. ♥

AS LONG AS THE TARGET'S BEEN IDENTIFIED, WHO CARES? BESIDES, I WANT TO FINISH UP QUICKLY.

I JUST WANT TO GO HOME QUICKLY, YOU KNOW.

YOU CAN'T UNDERESTIMATE A TEA BAG.





NOTHING
GOOD
COMES
OUT OF
RUSHING
THINGS.

EXCUSE
ME.

AH
HA!
BUT
IT MIGHT
BE BETTER
THAN
A LATE
START,
HMM?

IF I
WERE
YOU...

RA-CHAK
A

STEAM

STEAM

SHE'S
UNUSUALLY...
SUSPICIOUS.

...I
WOULDN'T
BUY
HASHIRI'S
WORDS.







...IT WAS
OKAY FOR
HARU TO
DECIDE,
THEN...

...HARU
WOULD
LIKE
"FORGIVE-
NESS."

HOW ABOUT
"THE WORLD
IS FULL OF
FORGIVE-
NESS"?



TOKAKU-
SAN, YOU
KNOW
"FORGIVE-
NESS"
IS...

...TO FORGIVE
THE SINS AND
MISTAKES
OF THOSE
WHO REPENT,
RIGHT?

NO
MATTER
HOW MANY
TIMES
THEY'VE
MESSED
UP.

WHAT
...?

IS...
THAT?





OF ALL THINGS!! WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THIS UNLIKELY BUT CORRECT ANSWER WOULD COME IN, EH?!!



"Forgiveness." The totally correct answer!! LULZ

LIAR!!

I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS! WHAT FORGIVENESS?!!





GET A
CLUE,
"YOU
KNOW."

I'M
ALREADY
TIRED OF
CATTERING
TO A KID,
HUH?



HA HA!
THERE'S
NO WAY
THERE'S AN
ANSWER...

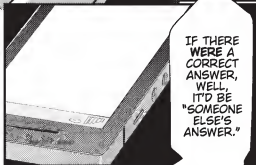
TO A
QUESTION
LIKE THIS.



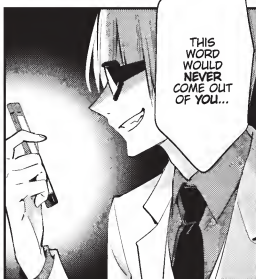
DID YOU
FINALLY
LET
SOMEONE
IN YOUR
ROOM?



TOKAKU.



IF THERE
WERE A
CORRECT
ANSWER,
WELL,
IT'D BE
"SOMEONE
ELSE'S
ANSWER."



THIS
WORD
WOULD
NEVER
COME OUT
OF YOU...



HURRY UP
AND FIGURE
OUT THAT
EVERYTHING
YOUR SENSEI
SAID IS
A LIE.



DAMMIT!!

ARGH!
DAMMIT!

PISSES
ME
OFF....!



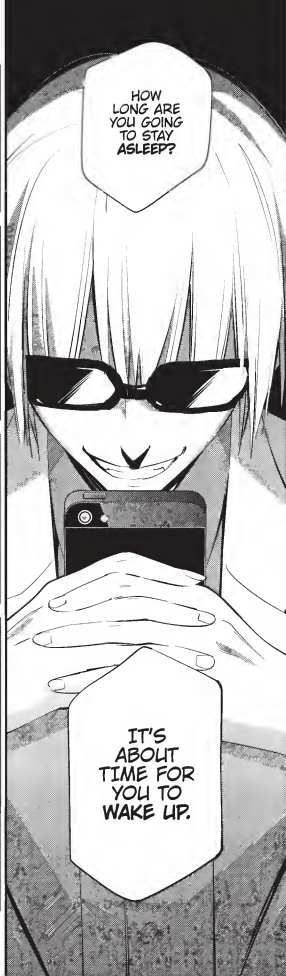
HURRY...

HURRY.



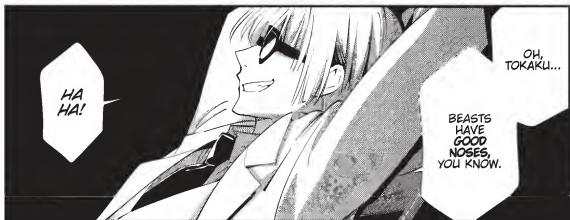
IT'S
TIME TO
ROUSE...

YOUR
SLEEPING
INNER
BEAST.



HOW
LONG ARE
YOU GOING
TO STAY
ASLEEP?

IT'S
ABOUT
TIME FOR
YOU TO
WAKE UP.



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Chapter 6

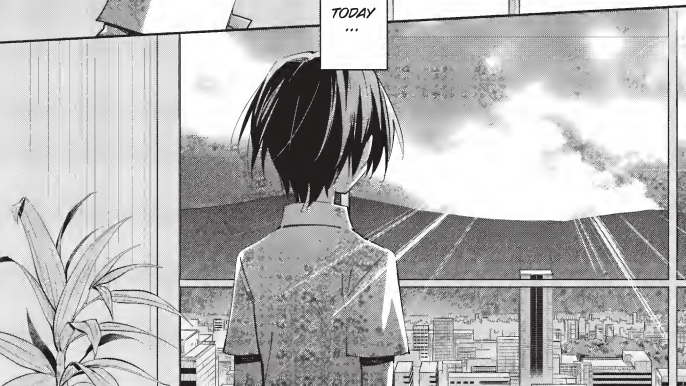
A Spell So You Can't Die



A
SUNSET
THAT'S
TOO
RED...

MAKES
YOU THINK
THE SKY IS
ON FIRE.

TODAY
...



...I DIDN'T
KNOW IT,
BUT
EVERYTHING
STARTED
TODAY.





YEP,
IT'S LIKE
THAT. I'M
GONNA
DO IT THE
SMART
WAY.

I DON'T
LIKE A
COMMOTION,
OR SEEING
BLOOD,
SO...



HARU
THOUGHT
IT'D BE
MORE FUN
WITH THREE
PEOPLE.

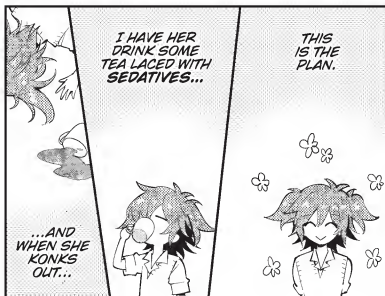
AH
HA
HA!

I WON-
DER,
HMM?
OH! I
BROUGHT
THE TEA!
♥



THANK
YOU,
ISLUKE-
SAN.

SMELLS
GOOD! IT
LOOKS
YUMMY!

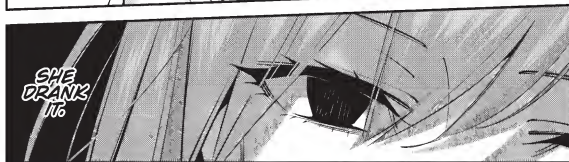


I HAVE HER
DRINK SOME
TEA LACED WITH
SEDATIVES...

THIS
IS THE
PLAN.

...AND
WHEN SHE
KONKS
OUT...









I DON'T...

AH AH
HA! ♥
WELL, OF
COURSE. MY
MAMA'S A
MAN, AFTER
ALL!

BUT WATER
IS ACTUALLY
THICKER
THAN BLOOD.

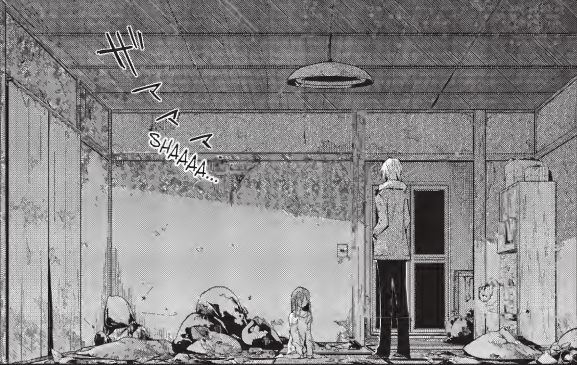
...HAVE
EVEN A DROP
OF BLOOD IN
COMMON
WITH PAPA
OR MAMA.

SO,
PLEASE
DIE
FOR ME.

BUT MY
PAPA'S A
MAN, TOO,
YOU KNOW.

H...

HARU
SEES.



I'M
INUKAI
EISUKE.



FROM
TODAY
ON,
YOU'RE
MY
DAUGH-
TER.

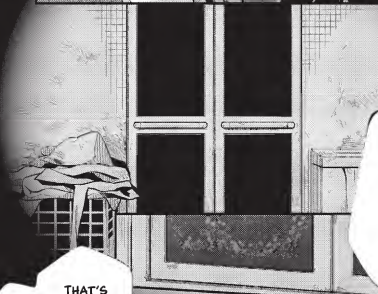
FROM
TODAY
ON,
YOU'RE
INUKAI
ISUKE.



DO YOU
HEAR ME?
DO YOU
UNDER-
STAND
ME?

HEY...
I NEED
YOUR
HELP.

I
SAVED
YOU,
DIDN'T
I?



THEY
MAY HAVE
BEEN YOUR
PARENTS,
BUT THEY
WERE JUST
ABOUT
TO LET
YOU DIE.

THAT'S
WHY
I DID
THIS.

THAT'S
WHY I
CHOSE
YOU.



DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
ME? LET'S
GET OUT
OF HERE.



WORK
...?



THAT'S
RIGHT.
IT'S
IMPORTANT
WORK.



I'M A
HITMAN.

SQUEEZE



HELP
ME.



HELP ME
WITH
MY
WORK.

FOLLOW
IN MY
FOOT-
STEPS.

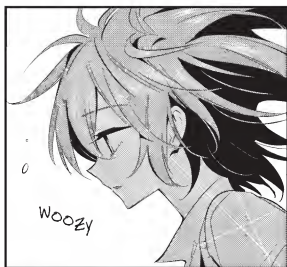


COME.



I'LL
GIVE
YOU A
NEW
HOME.

IT
MEANS
"ASSASSIN."





ISUKE-SAN...

HARU WON'T DIE...

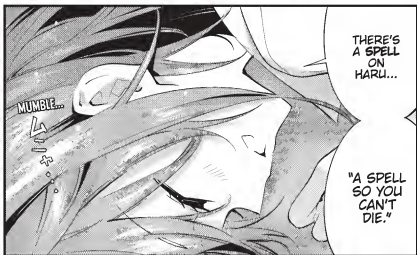
AH HA HA!

I'M SORRY, OKAY. ♥



RUB

RUB



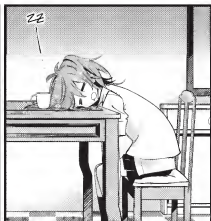
MUMBLE...

THERE'S A SPELL ON HARU...

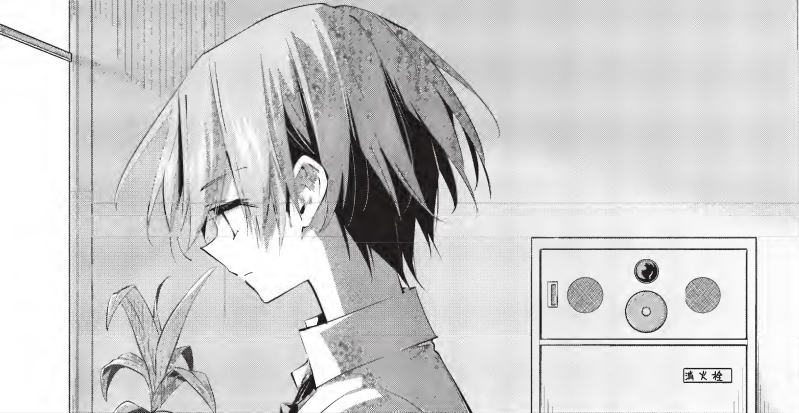
"A SPELL SO YOU CAN'T DIE."

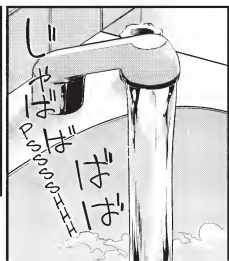
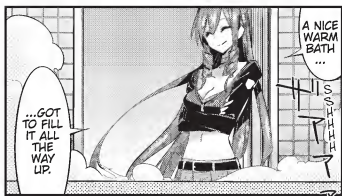
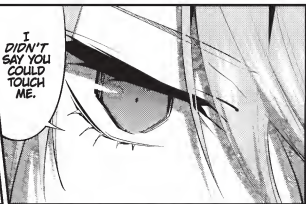
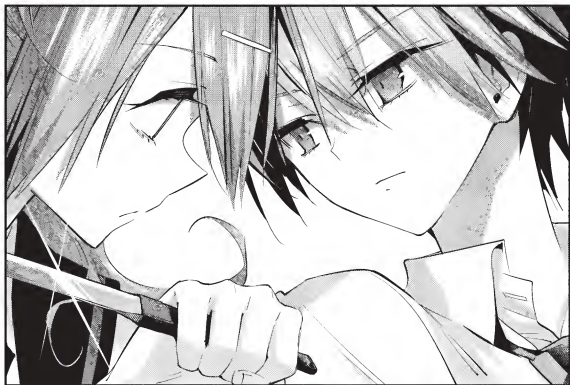


SHE'S SLEEPING. ♥



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Chapter 7

Something Smells Unpleasant

THOSE WHO
DON'T GET
IT RIGHT HAVE
TO PUT IT ON
THEIR CELL
PHONE HOME
SCREEN
AS PUNISH-
MENT.

HERE IS
THE NEXT
QUESTION.
"WHAT LIES
WITHIN YOUR
HEART?"
THOSE WHO
KNOW THE
ANSWER,
EMAIL ME!

WELL
NOW?

WHAT LIES
WITHIN YOUR
HEART?

WHAT'S THE
CORRECT
ANSWER?

HEH
HEH
HEH.



QUESTION
NUMBER 2:
WHAT LIES
WITHIN YOUR
HEART?



SOMETHING
SMELLS
UNPLEASANT.





OH DEEAR,
YOU'VE
COME BACK
TOO SOON.
HOW RUDE.
♥



WHAT
...

ARE
YOU
DOING?



WHAT?



WHY ARE
YOU MAD?
FASTEST
ONE WINS,
RIGHT?

INUKAI
ISUKE
ATTACKS
QUICKLY.
♥



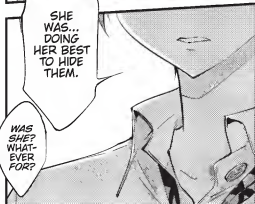
EVEN SO,
I WAS
SUR-
PRISED.

THIS CHILD
HAS SOME
SERIOUS
SCARS.



IT
GETS ME
SORT OF...
HOT AND
BOTHERED.

HEE HEE!



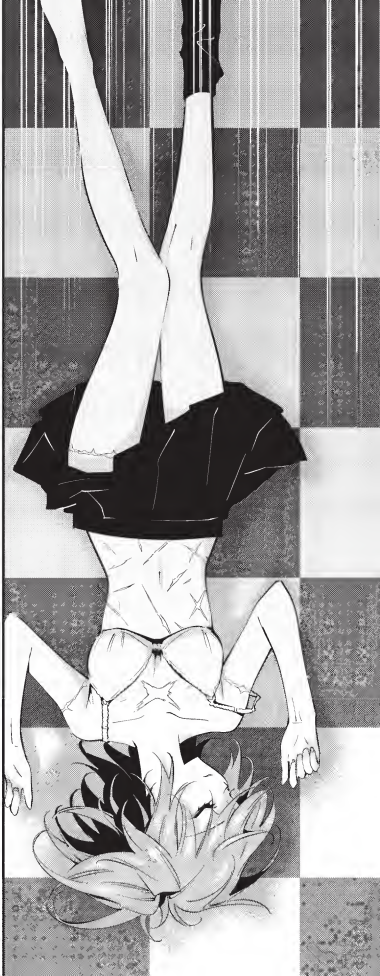
SHE
WAS...
DOING
HER BEST
TO HIDE
THEM.

WAS
SHE?
WHAT-
EVER
FOR?



OH
WELL. IT
DOESN'T
MATTER.
JUST
SHUT UP
ALREADY.

YOU
WANNA
START
SOMETHING
WITH ME?







.....
YOU'RE
GOING TO
BELIEVE
INFOR-
MATION
FROM
SOMEONE
LIKE
THAT?

WELL,
YEAH.

I'VE HEARD
THE RUMORS
ABOUT YOU,
TOO, YOU
KNOW--THE
TOP STUDENT
FROM
ACADEMY 17.
♥

YOU'RE
GOOD
WITH
KNIVES,
AREN'T
YOU?

I LIKE
USING
MY BARE
HANDS.
♥

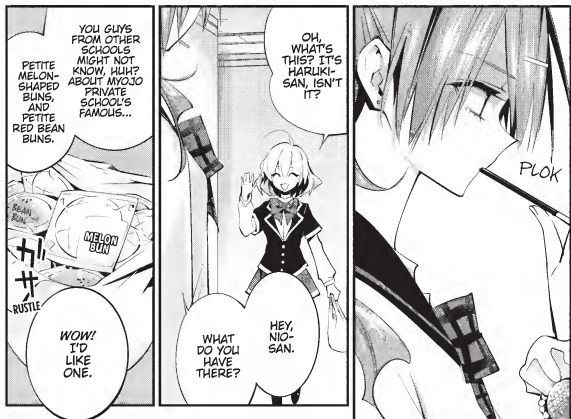
TEE
HEE.

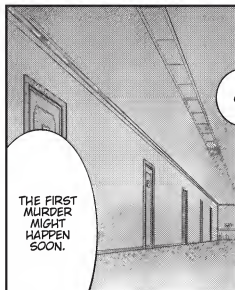


ACCORDING
TO HASHIRI
NIO'S INFOR-
MATION...

ICHINOSE
HARU IS
INDEED THE
TARGET.
♥

ALL
THE OTHER
CLASSMATES
ARE
ASSASSINS.





THE FIRST
MURDER
MIGHT
HAPPEN
SOON.



OH.

ME?
NOTH-
ING.

WELL,
ONLY ABOUT
HALF MY HIT
POINTS WILL
BE REFILLED
IF I DON'T EAT
IT ALL, BUT IF
THAT'S WHAT
YOU WANT...
THEN, PLEASE.

WHAT
ARE YOU
UP TO,
HARUKI-
SAN?



WELL,
RIGHT NOW...
HARU-CHAN,
ISLUKE-SAMA,
AND AZUMA-
SAN ARE IN
THE SAME
ROOM.

PLAYING
LADY
SHERLOCK,
HUH?

NO,
WAIT...
MAYBE
THE
SECOND
AND
THIRD,
TOO...?



NO.
ICHINOSE
HARU.



WHO?
AZUMA-
SAN?

GUESS
I'LL CLUE
YOU IN FIRST,
HARUKI-SAN.
SHE'S KILLED
QUITE A
FEW
PEOPLE,
YOU KNOW.



HA
HA!

EVERY-
THING'S
BEEN SET
IN MO-
TION.

OH, I WONDER
...



ALL HER
SIBLINGS,
HER
MOM...

SHE
KILLED
THEM
ALL, YOU
KNOW.

I
KNOW IT'S
HARD TO
BELIEVE.

NOT
AGAIN,
YOU.
IMMA HIT
YOU IF
YOU KEEP
SAYING
SUCH
VAGUE
STUFF.
YOU
SAID
HARU-
CHAN'S
THE
TARGET,
RIGHT?!

NOOGIE
NOOGIE

OUCH!



I'M
BEING
FOR REAL.

NLH
UH.

WELL,
THAT'S
TRUE,
BUT...IT'S
DIFFERENT.

SHE'S
A REAL
DEVIL,
THAT
ONE!



WELL, OF
COURSE.
EVERY GAME
HAS A CRAZY,
BOSS-LEVEL
ENEMY,
AFTER ALL!

EH
HEH
HEH!

THAT'S
WHAT SHE
IS TO US
PLAYERS.

YOU
DON'T DO
IN YOUR
OWN
FAMILY!

NOR-
MALLY.

PLOK
/ 10
#



I
COULDN'T
THINK OF
HER THAT
WAY.

MAYBE...
I'M NOT SO
GREAT AT
SIZING
PEOPLE UP.

HMM...



I THOUGHT
AZUMA WAS
LEANING
TOWARDS HER,
TOO, BUT...



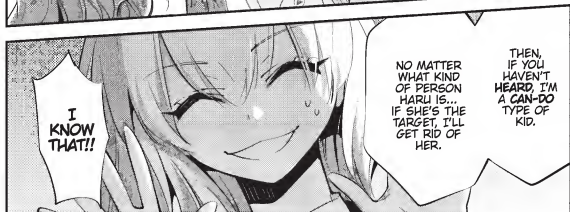
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THAT'S
RIGHT.

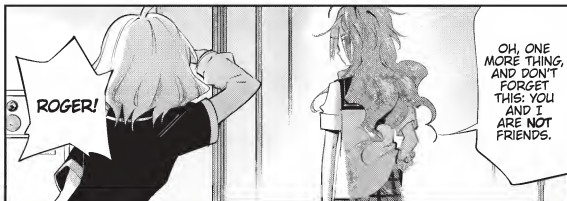
COME TO THINK
OF IT, YOU HAVE A
LOT OF SIBLINGS,
TOO, DON'T YOU,
HARUKI-SAN?!



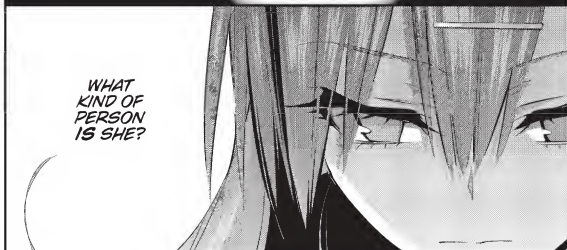
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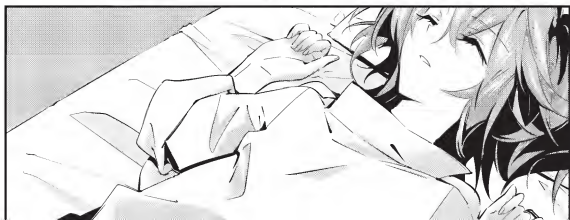
WHAP
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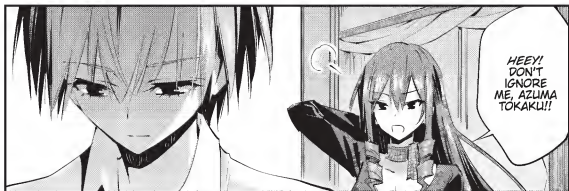




ICHINOSE
HARU.









YOU'RE A
BIT ODD,
AZUMA
TOKAKU.



QUESTION
NUMBER 2:
"WHAT LIES WITHIN
YOUR HEART?"

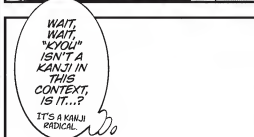
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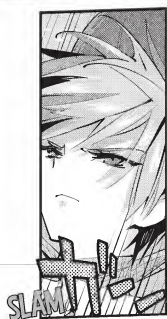
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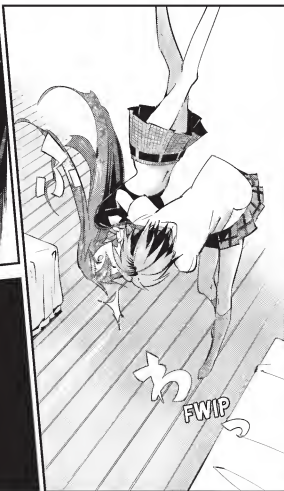


THAT KAIBA.
ANOTHER
USELESS
QUESTION...













YOU'RE A
VIRGIN,
AREN'T
YOU?

WIPE



AM I
RIGHT?

SOMEONE
WHO
HASN'T
KILLED
ANYONE
YET--
A VIRGIN
ASSASSIN.
♥



WHAT IS
THIS?!

I'VE
GOTTA
LAUGH~!
♥



MY
MOUTH
AND
NOSE
HURT.



I'M
GOING
HOME.

STAND



CREAK!

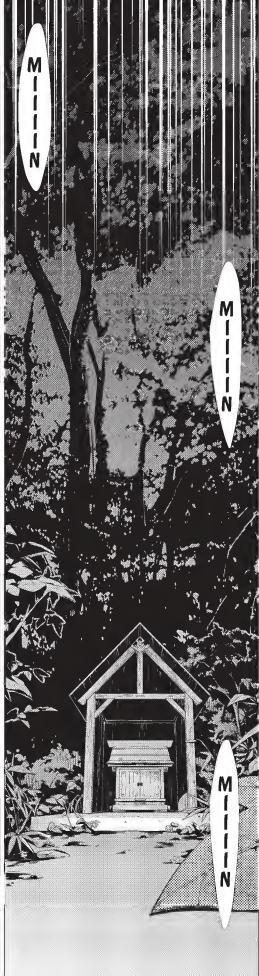
SEE
YA!

DON'T
FORGET
TO TURN
OFF THE
WATER.
♥

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N

M
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N

M
I
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I
N



IT WOULD'VE
BEEN BETTER
FOR ME TO
JUST PASS
OUT INSTEAD
OF THINKING
ABOUT
MURDER.

EVERY
TIME I
WANT TO
KILL, I
FAIL.

RUSSLE
RUSSLE
RUSSLE

TOKAKU-
CHAN,
THIS
WAY.

HURRY.
WE DON'T
HAVE
MUCH
TIME.

BECAUSE
OF THAT
LITTLE
SHRINE...

FROM
NOW ON,
IF YOU
THINK
YOU WANT
TO KILL
SOMEONE...

REMEMBER
THIS
SHRINE.

WHAT'LL
HAPPEN
IF I DO
THAT
...?

I
FAILED.



BECAUSE
IS
WATCHING
FROM
INSIDE THAT
SHRINE!

YOU WON'T
BE ABLE
TO KILL!!

M
I
I
I
N

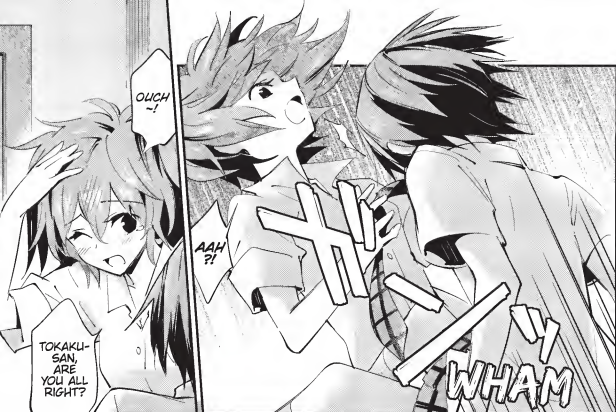
THAT
SECRET
SHRINE IN
THE FAR
CORNER
OF THE
PLACE
WHERE I
GREW UP...

M
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M
I
I
I
N

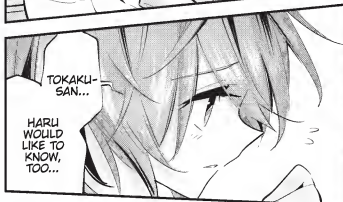
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WHAT
ARE
YOU...?!



TOKAKU-
SAN...

HARU
WOULD
LIKE TO
KNOW,
TOO...



HARU HAS
BUILT UP A
RESISTANCE,
SO SMALL
AMOUNTS OF
DRUGS DON'T
WORK VERY
WELL.

HARU WAS
ACTUALLY
HALFWAY
AWAKE
THROUGH
IT ALL.



WHY DID
YOU SAVE
HARU,
TOKAKU-
SAN?

JERK



HOW
DID YOU
GET THOSE
SCARS
ALL OVER
YOUR
BODY?!

IS THAT
WHY YOU
COULDN'T
GO TO
SCHOOL?!

WHO
ARE
YOU,
ANYWAY?!!



...TRANSFERRED
HERE TO
KILL HARU,
RIGHT?

EVERYONE
IN CLASS
BLACK...



OR IS
THERE
SOME
OTHER
REASON?

SQUEEZE

A WHIM?
A PLAN?

IN SPITE
OF THAT,
WHY DID
YOU
SAVE ME,
TOKAKU-
SAN?



YOU
KNEW?!



HARU WILL
LIVE AND
GRADUATE
FROM CLASS
BLACK.
YOU'LL SEE!

TOKAKU-
SAN, YOU
KNOW
HARU...

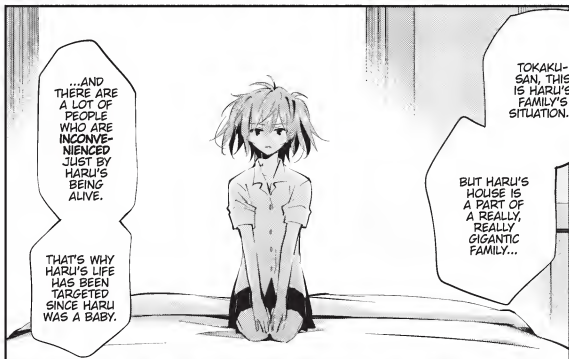
...DEFI-
NITELY
WON'T
DIE.



EVEN
SO!!

YOU HAVE
A CLASS
OF TWELVE
ASSASSINS
AGAINST
YOU!!

THAT'S IMPOS-
SIBLE!!



...AND
THERE ARE
A LOT OF
PEOPLE
WHO ARE
INCONVEN-
IENCED
JUST BY
HARU'S
BEING
ALIVE.

THAT'S WHY
HARU'S LIFE
HAS BEEN
TARGETED
SINCE HARU
WAS A BABY.

TOKAKU-
SAN, THIS
IS HARU'S
FAMILY'S
SITUATION...

BUT HARU'S
HOUSE IS
A PART OF
A REALLY,
REALLY
GIGANTIC
FAMILY...



HARU
KNOWS.

TARGET-
ING
YOU,
TOO.

I'M...



HARU
DEFINITELY
WON'T
LOSE.

きゅ
SQUEEEZE
きゅ

THIS
IS THE
FINAL
ORDEAL.

BUT
HARU'S
LIVED UP
TO TODAY,
SO...

...DOESN'T
ONLY
BELONG
TO HARU.

IT'S A
LIFE THAT
BELONGS TO
EVERYONE
WHO HAS
PROTECTED IT.

**HARU,
SMILE.
I LOVE
YOUR
SMILE,
HARU.**

TO KEEP
HARU
ALIVE
UNTIL
NOW...

HARU'S
WHOLE
FAMILY
HAS DIED.



BECAUSE
EACH ONE
SAID THEY
LOVED
HARU'S
SMILE...

HARU
ISN'T
GOING
TO CRY.

IT
DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE
AT ALL.

WHY
WOULD SO
MANY DIE,
SO THAT
ONE COULD
LIVE...?

IT'S
TOO
MUCH
OF A
BURDEN.

IMPOSSIBLE.



MOTHER
AND
MY BIG
BROTHER...
MY
LITTLE
BROTHER,
TOO.

HARU'S
LIFE...



HARU!!

...HARU
WAS SO
SHOCKED
THAT HARU
COULDN'T
RESPOND.

YOU'RE
OKAY,
AREN'T
YOU? OHH...
I'M GLAD.

WHEN
MOTHER DIED
TO SAVE
HARU...

HARU!!



HARU
COULDN'T
EVEN SAY
"GOODBYE."

SORRY,
OKAY,
HARU?

DAMN, BUT
THEY GOT
MAMA...

SORRY WE
COULDN'T
BE WITH YOU
FOREVER.

BUT...

FOR A
LONG TIME
AFTER
THAT, HARU
COULDN'T
TALK OR
MOVE...

BUT
HARU'S
OKAY
NOW.



HARU
WAS
BORN
TO LIVE.

TOKAKU-
SAN,
HARU...

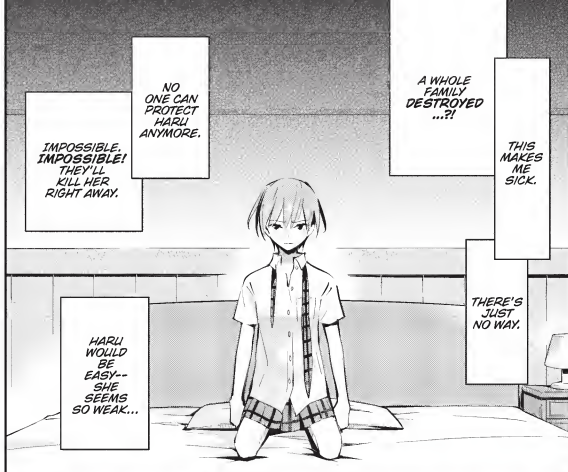
WASN'T
BORN TO
BE
KILLED.

**FROM NOW
ON, WE LIVE
WITHIN YOUR
HEART.**



THAT'S
PRACTICALLY
A CURSE,
ISN'T IT?

LIVING WHILE
BURDENED BY
THE WISHES OF
THE DEAD?
YOU'VE GOTTA
BE KIDDING.



IMPOSSIBLE.
IMPOSSIBLE!
THEY'LL
KILL HER
RIGHT AWAY.

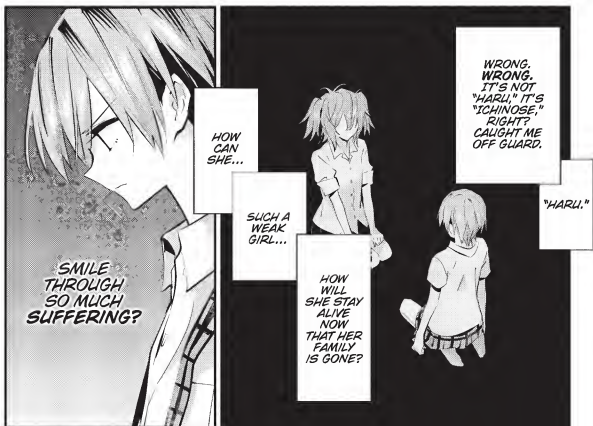
NO
ONE CAN
PROTECT
HARU
ANYMORE.

A WHOLE
FAMILY
DESTROYED
...?!

THIS
MAKES
ME
SICK.

HARU
WOULD
BE
EASY--
SHE
SEEMS
SO WEAK...

THERE'S
JUST
NO WAY.



SMILE
THROUGH
SO MUCH
SUFFERING?

HOW
CAN
SHE...

SUCH A
WEAK
GIRL...

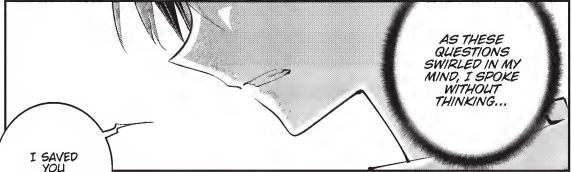
HOW
WILL
SHE STAY
ALIVE
NOW
THAT HER
FAMILY
IS GONE?

WRONG.
WRONG.
IT'S NOT
"HARU," IT'S
"ICHINOSE,"
RIGHT?
CAUGHT ME
OFF GUARD.

"HARU."



HOW DID
ICHINOSE HARU,
WHOSE LIFE
AND BODY ARE
FULL OF SCARS,
FIND SUCH
STRENGTH?



AS THESE
QUESTIONS
SWIRLED IN MY
MIND, I SPOKE
WITHOUT
THINKING...

I SAVED
YOU
BECAUSE...

I...

I'M SURE
IT WAS
BECAUSE
THE SUNSET
WAS TOO RED
AND I GOT A
BIT CRAZED.

IT'S
PROBABLY
...



...DECIDED
TO
SWITCH
TO YOUR
SIDE.



HARU

...

DIDN'T
SAY
ANY-
THING.



SHE
JUST
HUGGED
ME.



EVERYTHING
STARTED
TODAY.

EVERYTHING.
FOR ME
AND HARU.

NOT
TWELVE
ASSASSINS...

BUT
ELEVEN
ASSASSINS
AND ONE
GUARDIAN--
THAT'S
HOW IT IS.

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Character Model Sheets

Initial Sketches

Author

Here is an introduction to the first character sketches that series author Yun Kouga drew! Each illustration is also surrounded by detailed comments.

FINE, FRIZZY, SLIGHTLY WAVY HAIR. FLUFFY.

THESE AREN'T PIGTAILS, BUT THE SILHOUETTE LOOKS A BIT PIGTAIL-ISH.

"TRANSFER STUDENT"

ICHINOSE HARU (15)

FRESHMAN IN HIGH SCHOOL.

- CHEERFUL.
- CUTE.
- ENERGETIC!
- PUPPY PERSONALITY.
- HAS LOTS OF INNER STRENGTH.

ABOUT 160CM (NOT VERY SHORT). RAIL THIN. LOOKS LIKE SHE'S FLAT-CHESTED, BUT WHEN SHE TAKES HER TOP OFF SHE'S ABOUT A C CUP. SO SHE REALLY HAS A BUST.

NECKTIE IS TIED LOOSELY.

SILKY SHORT CUT.

LOOKS LIKE A YOUNG BOY.

- APATHETIC.
- INDIFFERENT.
- ASSASSIN.
- FAITHFUL TO ORDERS.

COLLARED SHIRT.

TOKAKU'S UNIFORM

PLEATED ON THE SHORT SIDE.

THIGH.

(FOR SOME REASON) LACE-UP BOOTS.

ABOUT 160CM (SAME AS HARU). THIN, BUT MUSCLED.

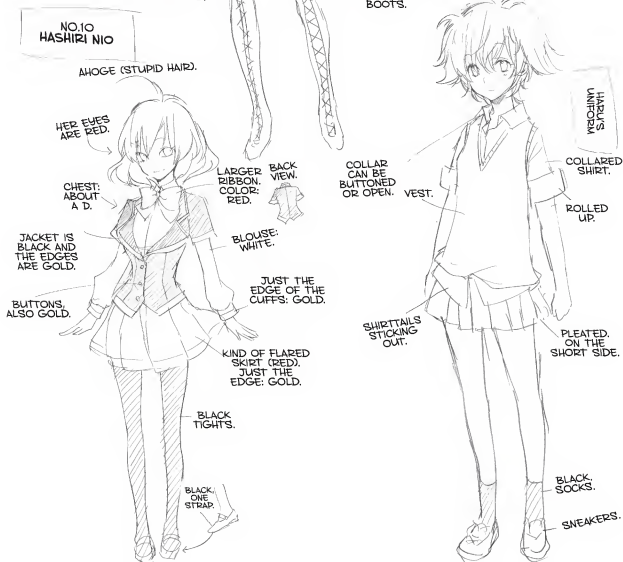
SLENDER, BUT ABOUT A B CUP.

VERY IMPORTANT!

THE KANJI ARE "RABBIT'S HORN" AND IS READ AS "TOKAKU".
• HORNS DO NOT EXIST ON RABBITS.
IT MEANS "THAT WHICH CANNOT EXIST."
(BUDDHIST PHRASING)

TOKAKU (15)

FRESHMAN IN HIGH SCHOOL.



An introduction to the important characters appearing in Volume 1. Using the initial character sketches illustrated by Yun Kouga as a guide, here are the characters that manga artist Sunao Minakata elaborated upon.

Character Designs

Illustrator



Ichinose Haru

Attendance Roster Number 13:

She is a cheery girl who is friendly to her classmates while aware of the fact that they are targeting her life. She has a number of large scars on her body.



Azuma Tokaku

Attendance Roster Number 1:

She is an elite assassin ordered to transfer to Myojo Private School from Private Academy 17 by Kaiba. However, she has a big secret...



Kaiba-sensei

He is a teacher at Private Academy 17. With his white suit and eyes hidden by sunglasses, he is both sharp-tongued and mysterious. He sends Tokaku strange questions via cell phone.



Namatame Chitaru

Attendance Roster Number 9: She is a princely female high school student who helped Kirigaya, who had become lost on her first trip to school. It seems Kirigaya's quiet demeanor has piqued her interest.



Banba Mahiru / Shinya

Attendance Roster Number 12: She has two personalities; shy "Mahiru" in the daytime and ferocious "Shinya" at night. She treasures the phone strap Haru gave her as a "sacred relic."



Inukai Isuke

Attendance Roster Number 2: She is a beautiful girl who is both sexy and strong-willed. She calls the man who assassinated her neglectful mother "Mama," and helps him with his work as an assassin.



Mizorogi Ataru

He is in charge of Myojo Private School's Year 10, Class Black. He is a young and enthusiastic teacher. It is uncertain whether or not he is aware that his students are assassins, as he treats his students and conducts class normally.



Kirigaya Hitsug

Attendance Roster Number 4: This delicate high schooler, who has no sense of direction, is frequently mistaken for an elementary school student. She speaks as though she is a young boy. She respects Namatame and shares a room with her.



Sagae Haruki

Attendance Roster Number 6: She shares the same room as Inukai Isuke. She has a bright and frank personality. She often eats Pocky. It seems she likes Haru, but...



Hashiri Nio

Attendance Roster Number 10: She is the only student who originally attended Myojo Private School and seems to have information about the other students. She is friendly and approaches others without hesitation.

THIS MANGA HAS
BEEN CREATED
MAINLY BY THREE
LADIES: THE EDITOR,
THE ORIGINAL
ARTIST, AND THE
ORIGINAL AUTHOR.

THANK
YOU FOR
THE HARD
WORK!!
AND THANK
YOU IN
ADVANCE
FOR
VOLUME 2!!



THAT'S
RIGHT →

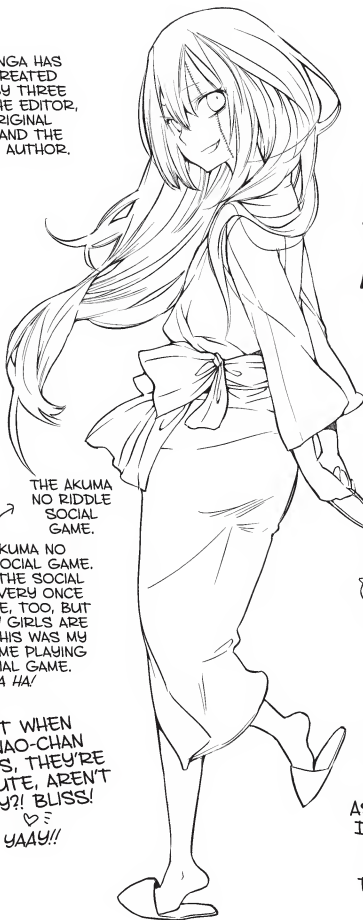
THE AKUMA
NO RIDDLE
SOCIAL
GAME.

THE AKUMA NO
RIDDLE SOCIAL GAME.
I PLAY THE SOCIAL
GAME EVERY ONCE
IN A WHILE, TOO, BUT
THE NEW GIRLS ARE
CUTE!! THIS WAS MY
FIRST TIME PLAYING
A SOCIAL GAME.
HA HA!

BUT WHEN
SUNAO-CHAN
DRAWS, THEY'RE
ALL CUTE, AREN'T
THEY?! BLISS!

♡
YAAY!!

MAHIRU/SHINYA
IS A MULTIPLE-
PERSONALITY
KIND OF
ASSASSIN. LIKES
ISUKE, MAHIRU
SUMIREKO,
IN ADDITION
TO HARU AND
TOKAKU.



KOUKO'S
UNIFORM
SEEMS
HOT...
SORRY. ♪

OH, AND
THEN I LIKE
THE MALE
CHARACTERS
(JUST
KAIBA AND
MIZOROGI,
REALLY)!!
VIVA, ♪
SUNAO! ♪

CLASS
PRESIDENT
KIND OF
ASSASSIN.

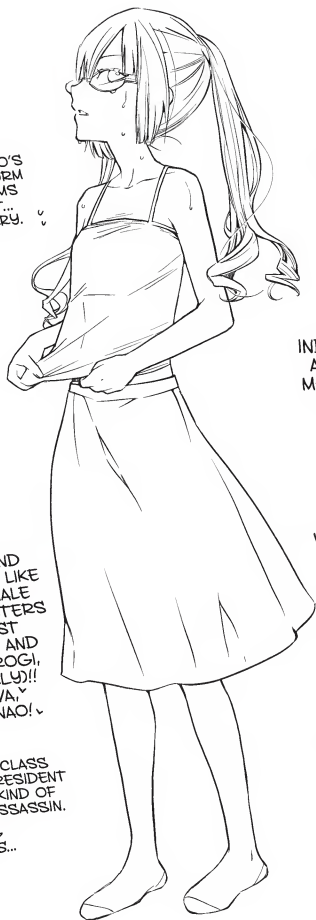
PIG
TAILS...

THIS IS KOUGA. I
THOUGHT THAT
MAYBE I'D FEEL
MORE...KINDA-SORTA...
UNFULFILLED?
BECAUSE THIS TIME,
I DIDN'T DO THE
ORIGINAL ART, BUT
THAT WASN'T THE
CASE AT ALL.

IT FEELS LIKE I'M
INDEBTED TO MY EDITOR
AND ASSISTANTS EVEN
MORE THAN USUAL THIS
TIME. TEAM SPIRIT IS
STRONG.

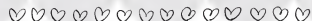
I COULDN'T HAVE
GOTTEN BY WITHOUT
MINAKATA-SAN AS MY
PARTNER. I WANT TO
WORK HARD AND CREATE
A MANGA THAT'S AT
LEAST A LITTLE FUN
TOGETHER FROM NOW
ON, TOO. BEST WISHES!

CLASS PRESIDENT.
BECAUSE OF THE OVERALL
BALANCE, SHE BECAME
AN A CUP...BUT WHILE
ILLUSTRATING HER,
I OFTEN THINK IT'S FUN
TO DRAW HUGE BOOBS...



TO THE READERS WHO'VE READ THIS FAR, AIBASAN, THE EDITOR WHO ALWAYS MANAGES TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME, YUN-SENSEI WHO READIED A WONDERFUL ORIGINAL WORK FOR ME, THE ASSISTANTS WHO HELPED ME: THANK YOU SO, SO MUCH!!!!!!

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THE DAY WOULD COME WHERE I'D GET TO WORK WITH YUN-SENSEI...? I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT...! IS THE BOOK REALLY GOING TO COME OUT?! AM I GOOD ENOUGH? I STILL HAVE THOSE KIND OF THOUGHTS, BUT I'LL WORK MY HARDEST TO DRAW THIS! ☆
THANK YOU, YUN-SENSEI. YUN-SENSEI,
THANK YOU!!!!!! I LOVE YOU!



BEFORE THE SERIAL BEGAN, I WORRIED IF I COULD DRAW IT ON TIME SINCE I DRAW SO SLOW--EVEN THOUGH IT'S JUST THE ILLUSTRATIONS--BUT FOR NOW, I'M SOMEHOW MANAGING...! TOKAKU IS A SIMPLE DESIGN AND EASY TO DRAW. GOOD GIRL! ON THE OTHER HAND, I CAN'T GET THE KNACK OF HARU'S HAIR IN 3D AND IT FEELS LIKE I JUST BS IT EVERY TIME AND THAT BOTHERS ME. I DON'T USUALLY ILLUSTRATE MALE CHARACTERS, SO IT FEELS FRESH AND FUN TO DRAW THE TEACHERS DURING THEIR SPORADIC APPEARANCES.

FOR NOW, MY FAVORITE CHARACTER WOULD BE ISUKE-SAMA. HER ENGAGEMENT'S WITH HARUKI ARE DELICIOUS. MWA HA HA!
(BUT THERE'S SO MUCH TO BOTH OF THEIR CLOTHES THAT IT'S A LOT OF WORK TO ILLUSTRATE.)

WELL NOW, WHAT KIND OF STORY WILL IT TURN INTO FROM NOW ON?! PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT NEXT TIME! ☆

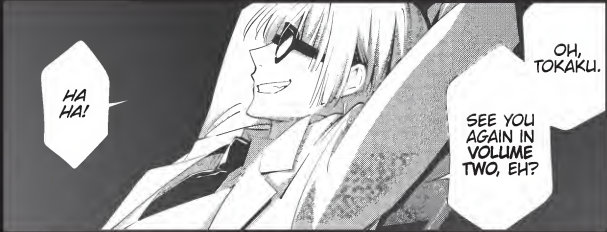
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← CLEANED-UP
VERSION OF
A ROUGH
IMAGE OF THE
TWO ILLUSTRATED
BEFORE THE
SERIES BEGAN.



HA
HA!

OH,
TOKAKU.

SEE YOU
AGAIN IN
VOLUME
TWO, EH?

to be continued

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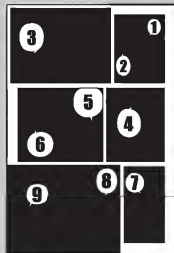
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killer anime!**

At Myojo Private School, an elite all-girls boarding academy, the Class Black is comprised of thirteen students, twelve of whom are assassins. Their prey is the thirteenth student, Haru Ichinose, an upbeat girl who vows to survive school and graduate unharmed! Enter Azuma Tokaku, a cold-blooded killer who transfers from another school to kill Haru.

What should have been a routine hit turns into a far more complicated affair as Tokaku is unable to pull the trigger on Haru. As Tokaku copes with her budding feelings, will she decide to protect Haru's life from the other assassins or to end it before they do?

Rated: TEEN